

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S333–S369

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 390–397, and S. Res. 55–59. **Pages S351–52**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 55, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. Res. 56, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Res. 59, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, and October 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025. **Page S351**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the Life of former Senator David F. Durenberger: Senate agreed to S. Res. 57, honoring the life of David Ferdinand Durenberger, former Senator for the State of Minnesota. **Pages S340–42**

Appointments:

United States Commission on Civil Rights: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 98–183, as amended by Public Law 103–419, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, for a term of six years: Glenn Magpantay of New York vice David Kladney. **Page S361**

Mendez-Miro Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Gina R. Mendez-Miro, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. **Pages S333–37, S345–46**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 10), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S345–46**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination,

post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, February 14, 2023; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that at 2:15 p.m., if cloture has been invoked on the nomination of Lindsay C. Jenkins, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S361**

Reyes Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ana C. Reyes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S337**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Adrienne C. Nelson, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. **Page S337**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S337**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S337**

Calabretta Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel J. Calabretta, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. **Page S337**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Ana C. Reyes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S337**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S337**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S337**

Martinez-Lopez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S337–38**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Daniel J. Calabretta, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. **Pages S337–38**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S337**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S337**

Kahn Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Pages S338–40**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S338**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S338**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S338**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 9), Cindy K. Chung, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Page S345**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2022.

Robin Dunnigan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia.

Robert David Gioia, of New York, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Lisa A. Johnson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic.

Nicole Shampaine, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Heather Roach Variava, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S361–69**

Messages from the House: **Page S350**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—10) **Pages S345, S346**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator David Ferdinand Durenberger, in accordance with S. Res. 57, at 7:14 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S361.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee for the 118th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 118th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the crypto crash, focusing on why financial system safeguards are needed for digital assets, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gigi B. Sohn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine protecting our children online, 11 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 14 through February 17, 2023

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Gina R. Mendez-Miro, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Gina R. Mendez-Miro, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Lindsay C. Jenkins, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Lindsay C. Jenkins, Senate will vote on the motion to in-

voke cloture on the nomination of Matthew L. Garcia, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: February 16, to hold hearings to examine the 2023 Farm Bill, focusing on nutrition programs, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: February 15, to hold hearings to examine global security challenges and strategy, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 14, to hold hearings to examine the crypto crash, focusing on why financial system safeguards are needed for digital assets, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: February 15, to hold hearings to examine climate-related economic risks and their costs to the Federal budget and the global economy, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 14, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gigi B. Sohn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

February 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's NOTAM system failure and its impacts on a resilient national airspace, 10 a.m., SR-253.

February 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine bringing transparency and accountability to pharmacy benefit managers, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 16, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the Russian Federation's war in Ukraine on European and global energy security one year after the invasion, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 15, to hold hearings to examine the future of low carbon transportation fuels and considerations for a national clean fuels program, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: February 15, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

February 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ending trade that cheats American workers by modernizing trade laws and enforcement, fighting forced labor, eliminating counterfeits, and leveling the playing field, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 15, to hold hearings to examine countering illicit fentanyl trafficking, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

February 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Richard R. Verma, of Maryland,

to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 15, business meeting to consider the nominations of Karla Ann Gilbride, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, Javier Ramirez, of Illinois, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, Glenna Laureen Wright-Gallo, of Nevada, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and LaWanda Amaker Toney, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, both of the Department of Education, and other pending calendar business, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

February 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine health care workforce shortages, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 15, business meeting to consider S. 70, to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines, S. 277, to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, and S. 385, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 14, to hold hearings to examine protecting our children online, 11 a.m., SH-216.

February 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Rosemarie Hidalgo, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Amy Lefkowitz Solomon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Kate E. Brubacher, to be United States Attorney for the Dis-

trict of Kansas, and Ismail J. Ramsey, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 16, business meeting to consider S. 10, to improve the workforce of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 30, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2023, S. 106, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to States to improve outreach to veterans, S. 112, to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida, S. 132, to require a pilot program on activities under the pre-separation transition process of members of the Armed Forces for a reduction in suicide among veterans, S. 141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve certain programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for home and community based services for veterans, S. 185, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the program for direct housing loans made to Native American veterans, S. 216, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the family caregiver program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to include services related to mental health and neurological disorders, and S. 326, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study and clinical trials on the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of veterans with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder, 9:45 a.m., SR-418.

February 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joshua David Jacobs, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 14, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Tuesday, February 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 14

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Following disposition of the nomination of Lindsay C. Jenkins, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Matthew L. Garcia, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Lindsay C. Jenkins until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.



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